

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 1, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Bill Williams, Vice Chairman Jerry W. Barnes, and Commissioners Carmen L. McLemore, Billy E. Traylor and Nathan Peters, Jr. (entered at 10:32 a.m.).

Others present were: County Attorney Timothy McFarland, Clerk Executive Administrator Towan Kopinsky, Clerk Finance Officer Carla Hand, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Deputy Administrator Lynn Lanier, Animal Control Department Employee Roland Jones, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Building Inspector George Knight, Grant Writer Loretta Costin, Human Resources Director Denise Manuel, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Planner David Richardson, Road Department Superintendent Bobby Knee, Sheriff Joe Nugent, Sheriff's Office Major Bobby Plair, and Various Sheriff's Office Employees.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., E.T.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET / ANIMAL CONTROL

Sheriff Nugent appeared before the Board to discuss his request for an additional \$50,000.00 to give raises to his employees, and he discussed the \$75,000.00 shortfall in last year's budget from prior administration. Commissioner Traylor and Commissioner McLemore discussed that the Board will not know for several weeks if there are additional funds that can be brought forward to assist him with these funds (all bills for 2006-07 must be paid first). Sheriff Nugent also discussed Animal Control, stating that he feels it is not in his best interest to take over the Animal Control Department until the situation regarding the employee out on Workman's Compensation has been settled. He further stated that he met with Animal Control Employee Roland Jones, and will keep him in this position when the Sheriff's Office does take over Animal Control. <Commissioner Peters entered the meeting at 10:32 a.m.> Commissioner Peters discussed that he put the Sheriff's Department Budget on the agenda for this meeting because he wanted to make sure that the Board did not take any action on the request for \$50,000.00 until they get a final status on the 2006-07 budget. Commissioner Peters also discussed Animal Control, and that he does not want Roland Jones to lose his job. Sheriff Nugent stated that he has met with Mr. Jones to work out a solution. After further discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to withdraw his previous motion to turn Animal Control over to the Sheriff's Office on October 1st. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After discussion regarding Animal Control, Commissioner Traylor discussed that 2 people are needed for animal control, and requested assistance from the Sheriff for the next 60 days. Sheriff Nugent and members of the Board also discussed that many of the animal control calls are from the City of Port St. Joe and the City of Wewahitchka, and neither contribute

toward the costs.

Commissioner Peters apologized for being late, stating that there was a bad wreck on Cecil G. Costin, Sr. Boulevard and he was held up in traffic.

2005-06 AUDIT

Chief Administrator Butler reported that he has met with the Clerk regarding the 2005-06 Audit Report, and a meeting has been scheduled with the Audit Firm for October 3, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., E.T. Sheriff Nugent stated that their new bookkeeping system was installed before the additional funds were paid to the Auditors. Upon inquiry, Clerk Finance Officer Hand reported that there is approximately \$6,000.00-\$7,000.00 left in that budget, and the Board stated that these funds should be held until after the result of the meeting on October 3rd.

D.E.P. AGREEMENT #U-0352 / RISH PARK PROPERTY

Upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Barnes, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed to execute an agreement with D.E.P. which allows the County to access the Rish Park Property and T.H. Stone Memorial Park Property to do beach re-nourishment, based on approval of the agreement by County Attorney McFarland.

UNION GRIEVANCE

Chief Administrator Butler stated that the Board must make a decision regarding the Union Grievance that was filed, and stated that if the Board denies the grievance it will go to arbitration (the costs of arbitration will be divided 50/50 between the Union and the Board). After discussion, Commissioner McLemore motioned to deny the grievance. Commissioner Traylor seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

LANDFILL / SOLID WASTE

Commissioner Traylor stated that Solid Waste Danford is preparing information for the Board regarding costs of landfill operation, and he requested that Solid Waste Director Danford be given authority to include costs generated in other departments that are for Landfill/ Solid Waste operations. County Attorney McFarland discussed the timeframe for the M.S.B.U. items, stating that he needs the information by November 1st in order for everything to be advertised and adopted prior to December 31st. Upon motion by Commissioner Traylor, second by Commissioner Peters, and unanimous vote, the Board agreed for the Budget Task Force to meet and prepare information for the M.S.B.U.s and other revenue sources (landfill, solid waste, fire protection, corrections, etc.).

Commissioner Peters also discussed implementation of mandatory garbage collection. Chief Administrator Butler reported that G.I.S. Director Warner is working on a list of households for his review, and he will bring the information back to the Board.

There being no further business and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, the meeting did then adjourn at 10:59 a.m., E.T.

BILL WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK